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## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU REMINDS CIRCUIT CAPACITY HOLDERS TO FILE THEIR SECTION 43.62 CIRCUIT CAPACITY REPORTS BY MARCH 31, 2017

Electronic Filing Window Open from March 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017

In this Public Notice, we remind filers that data for the annual Circuit Capacity Reports are due no later than March 31, 2017. Section 43.62 of the Commission's rules requires: (1) any facilities-based common carrier with active satellite or terrestrial circuits between the United States and a foreign point; (2) any non-common carrier satellite licensee with active circuits between the United States and a foreign point; (3) any licensee of a submarine cable between the United States and a foreign point; and (4) any common carrier with capacity on a submarine cable between the United States and a foreign point providing international telecommunications services (collectively, "Circuit Capacity Holders") to file Circuit Capacity Report(s) if it had any activated or non-activated circuits as of December 31, 2016.

Circuit Capacity Holders file their Circuit Capacity Reports through the Commission's Section 43.62 online filing system. Circuit Capacity Holders should refer to the International Bureau's Filing Manual for Section 43.62 Annual Reports (Filing Manual) for instructions on how to file the reports, who must file, which reports to file, the required information, and the filing procedures. The links to the online system and Filing Manual are below:

- Section 43.62 online filing system is available at https://www.fcc.gov/general/section-4362-online-filing;
- Section 43.62 Filing Manual is available under "Related Sources" at https://www.fcc.gov/general/section-4362-online-filing.

We encourage Circuit Capacity Holders to file their reports as early as possible during the filing window.2

Each filing entity uses a single CORES FCC Registration Number (FRN) to submit data on: (1) filing entity contact information; (2) preparer contact information; (3) authorizations; (4) satellite and terrestrial circuits; (5) submarine cable operator data; (6) submarine cable capacity holder data; and (7) certifying official's information. Filers enter the data directly into the online forms in the Section 43.62

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 43.62(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Circuit Capacity Holders that are unable to file by the deadline must submit by March 31, 2017 an online waiver request seeking an extension of time to file. See Filing Manual at 4, para. 18; see also 47 CFR § 1.3.

online filing system. With respect to (5) submarine cable operator data and (6) submarine cable capacity holder data, the data may be added to the attached templates and then uploaded into the online filing system. Additionally, each filing entity provides the correct authorization numbers for its filing. For ease of reference, Attachment 3 includes the current authorization number for each U.S. international submarine cable.

- Attachment 1 Template for Submarine Cable Operator Data
- Attachment 2 Template for Submarine Cable Capacity Holder Data
- Attachment 3 Current Authorization Numbers for U.S. International Submarine Cables as of December 31, 2016

We remind filing entities that the figures in the Attachment 2 – Submarine Cable Capacity Holder Data should be reported in Synchronous Transport Module level-1 (STM-1) units. The figures in the Attachment 1 – Submarine Cable Operator Data should be reported in gigabits per second (Gbps). The conversion ratio is 1 Gbps = 6.4 STM-1 units.

Starting this year, staff has the capability to send emails through the Section 43.62 online filing system. All system-generated emails will be from <a href="FCC-INTL-Part43@fcc.gov">FCC-INTL-Part43@fcc.gov</a>. Circuit Capacity Holders should ensure that their systems will accept emails from this address. Finally, letters notifying the Commission that circuits have been discontinued should be emailed to <a href="Circuit.Capacity@fcc.gov">Circuit.Capacity@fcc.gov</a>.

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